

Visiting Medical Officers - Radiologists - Remuneration Arrangements

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Summary This Policy Directive advises of the availability of sessional remuneration arrangements for Visiting Medical Officer Radiologists.

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REMUNERATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITING MEDICAL OFFICER RADIOLOGISTS

Purpose

The purpose of this Policy Directive is to provide notification of the availability of varied arrangements for engaging Visiting Medical Officer Radiologists.

Background

VMO Radiologists are presently excluded from the scope of the VMO Determinations.

Availability of sessional arrangements for VMO Radiologists

Consistent with an agreement reached between the Department and the Australian Medical Association, VMO Radiologists can now be engaged, in addition to other available arrangements, under standard VMO sessional arrangements and using a sessional VMO contract to provide services in relation to any NSW Health facility or service. The consent of the relevant VMO is required.

The applicable background practice costs rate is that for anaesthetists, physicians and general practitioners.

Current Sessional Visiting Medical Officer Remuneration Rates

For ease of reference, the current remuneration rates for sessional Visiting Medical Officers are set out in Attachment A.

Enquiries

Any enquiries regarding this Policy Directive should be directed to the human resource or medical administration staff in the relevant public health organisation. Only staff in public health organisations from such units are to contact the Department.

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Attachment A

SESSIONAL VMO RATES

ORDINARY HOUR REMUNERATION

A sessional Visiting Medical Officer shall be paid the following hourly rate of remuneration for each ordinary hour (and on a proportionate basis to the nearest quarter hour) specified in a sessional contract:

Classification	1 January 2009 2.5%	1 January 2010 2.5%
a) General Practitioner		
i) with less than 5 years experience	\$120.95	\$124.00
ii) with at least 5 years experience and/or who has been admitted to Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and/or Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine	\$155.35	\$159.25
b) Specialist	\$175.95	\$180.35
c) Senior Specialist	\$188.85	\$193.55

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BACKGROUND PRACTICE COSTS

Classification	1 January 2009	1 January 2010
a) Anaesthetist, Physician and General Practitioner	\$22.30	Rate as at 1 January 2009 adjusted in line with the annual increase in the All Groups Consumer Price Index for Sydney (as at the June quarter in the preceding year)
b) Surgeon	\$37.25	Rate as at 1 January 2009 adjusted in line with the annual increase in the All Groups Consumer Price Index for Sydney (as at the June quarter in the preceding year)

And on a proportionate basis to the nearest quarter hour.

ON-CALL

A sessional visiting medical officer shall be paid an amount as shown below for each hour (or part thereof) the officer is rostered to be on-call or while travelling or rendering services pursuant to a call-back.

1 January 2009	1 January 2010
\$11.10	\$11.40